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HOW FARMERS MAY KEEP OUT OF A GLUTTED DRESSED PORK MARKET

Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck Farmers Neglect Their Smoke Houses While Elizabeth City Eats Chicago Ham

Swine growers in Pasquotank and other Northeastern North Carolina counties largely dependent upon the Norfolk dressed hog market should begin to take note of predictions freely made on the Norfolk market that pork will bring a low price this fall. The very fact that dressed pork is bringing only 15 cents a pound on the Norfolk market this early in the season indicates the much lower price shipper's may expect later in the season when the big shipments of pork from this section are under way. At this time last year medium sized dressed porkers brought 20 to 25 cents on the Norfolk market. The price dropped in December to 15 cents and in January the market was glutted with ten and 12 cent pork. With 15 cent pork as a starter this season, it is not unreasonable to fear a 6 to 10 cents market in December.

The U. S. Census takers found 17,279 head of swine in Pasquotank County in 1920 and with hog cholera well under control in this county this year's product may be more nearly 20,000 head. It would be a calamity for the growers in this and neighboring counties to throw all of their pork on one market in a few weeks and realize eight to ten cents a pound for it.

Having given some thought to the matter, this newspaper believes that the farmers of Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties rely too much on the sale of their dressed pork and pay too little attention to the more profitable method of curing and storing hams and bacon. The farmers of Perquimans, Chowan and Gates counties have long made the most of their opportunities in this direction and put most of their pork into hams, bacon, lard and sausage. But the farmers of Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck do not so well manage.

Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck swine growers with a big year round market for their hams and bacon right here at home, sacrifice their fresh pork to Norfolk packing houses early in the season and Elizabeth City is left to eat swill fed Chicago and Kansas City packing house hams and bacon nine months in the year. Thousands of pounds of Western hams, bacon and mess pork are retailed in this city annually at prices far exceeding anything local growers got for their superior corn fed pork. We send our best pork to Norfolk commission dealers who get the best price they can for it from Norfolk, Richmond and Baltimore packing houses. Our hams that sell for 15 or 20 cents are cured and labeled "Smithfield" hams by Virginia packers and sold back to those of us who can afford the price at 60 cents a pound.

Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck swine growers must learn the art of curing, curing and smoking their hams and bacon. Long lean looking, nicely colored hams and bacon are in demand the year round and bring good prices. For three or four months during the summer and early fall it is impossible to buy such a country cured ham here in Elizabeth City.

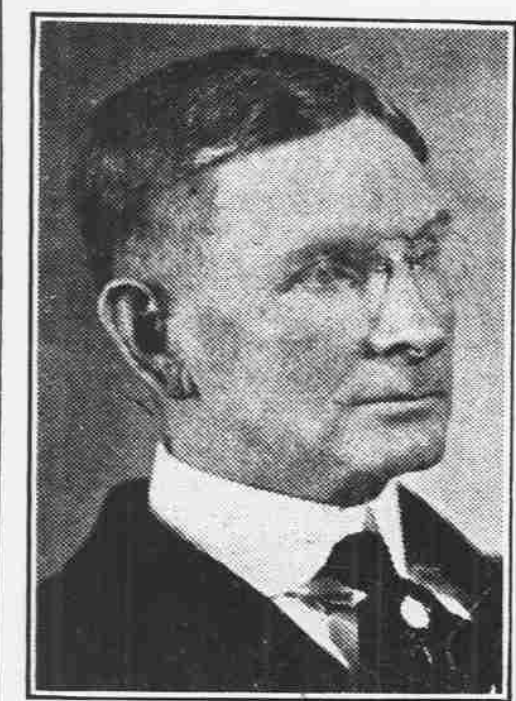
It would pay the farmers in every neighborhood in these counties to study the methods of Virginia farmers in trimming and curing hams and bacon and put more of their pork into these staple commodities that are always in demand at attractive prices. The farmer who will ship all of his pork to market this fall is a foolish farmer indeed.

What is really needed for the greatest possible prosperity of this city and section is a packing house, providing here at Elizabeth City a year round market for all the swine, cattle and sheep produced in Northeastern North Carolina. It takes a lot of money and some time to establish a modern packing plant. But any farmer can be his own packer and not sacrifice his pork to glutted markets in December and January.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHOOT DUCKS FROM MOTORBOATS

Motorboat enthusiasts who, now that the racing season is at an end, or nearly at an end, may have allowed their thoughts to stray toward duck hunting, and best beware how they employ their power craft when seeking the skittish water fowl. The duck shooter, according to an announcement by the Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, may use a power boat for conveyance to and from the ducking grounds, in attending to ducking outfits and in picking up dead ducks. But, as the Survey points out, it will be a violation of the law to shoot ducks from a power boat or to run down ducks which have settled among decoys.

To get the state news published in this newspaper would cost you \$8.00 a year if you didn't take THE INDEPENDENT.



DR. GEO. W. CLARKE
FORMER pastor of Blackwell Memorial Church, who is sure that no sweetness nor any other good thing can come out of some of the religious lions in this city until some Samson chokes the life out of them. Photo by Zoeller.

KILL THE LIONS TO GET HONEY

That's What Dr. Clarke Might Have Said, But He Didn't

Dr. Geo. W. Clarke, former pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, preached his farewell sermon in this city Sunday night, but not to Blackwell Memorial Church. He preached in the First Baptist Church and never mentioned the name of Blackwell Memorial Church anywhere in his sermon. Dr. Clarke took his text from the fourteenth chapter and fourteenth verse of the book of Judges. "Out of the Strong shall come forth sweetness."

He told the story of the young Samson going down into the camp of the Philistines to pay court to the daughter of the uncircumcised Timnah. And on his way down he encountered a young lion which he proceeded to slay with his bare hands.

Passing that way another time Samson discovered the carcass of the dead lion swarming with bees and he took honey from the carcass. The incident made such an impression upon him that he proposed a riddle: "Out of the eater shall come forth meat, and out of the strong shall come forth sweetness."

An audience of 1,500 to 2,000 persons, filling every nook and corner of the vast auditorium and its annex waited in breathless anticipation for Dr. Clarke's application of the story. But they didn't get it. If any one expected Dr. Clarke to say that no sweetness nor any other good thing would come out of the carcasses of the lions in Blackwell Memorial Church until they are dead, such an one was disappointed. Dr. Clarke uttered not a single harsh or unkind word during his discourse. He was in a good humor, radiant with good will and he made only veiled references to his conflict with the Aydielt and Sawyer faction in the church which he had served here for four years.

Dr. Clarke only said that he wanted it understood that he didn't want anybody's sympathy; that in his four years ministry in this city he had antagonized only "those men who did not love God and who did not have at heart the best interests of our fair little city." He thanked God for the fact that he had made and deplored the fact that he had not been fighting preachers who are not afraid to clash with the unrighteous. He declared that the besetting sin of Christians to-day is "amiable weakness" and that what we call a "good man" is usually a fellow who never makes anybody mad, never gets in anybody's way, and is good for nothing. "The church is full of these good men," declared the preacher, "and they are worth just about ten cents a dozen."

At the close of the service hundreds of men and women pressed forward to shake the hand of the departing minister. In the audience were scores of people from the country districts, even from Camden, Currituck and Perquimans counties where Dr. Clarke had endeared himself in the hearts of thousands by his zealous helpfulness to the country churches.

Dr. Clarke left Elizabeth City Monday morning to conduct a revival in Rocky Mount. From Rocky Mount he will go direct to his new call at Lake Charles, La., 1,400 miles from Elizabeth City.

General James I. Metts, head of North Carolina division, United States Confederate Veterans, died in Wilmington from injuries received in an automobile accident in that city.

FOR SALE—Store and half acre of ground on brick road, half way to Weeksville. Will sacrifice to quick buyer. Inquire HENRY COVE, 10 Poinexter St. p.21-1t

THOUSANDS SEE CITY'S NEW BANK

Carolina Banking & Trust Co. Opening Looked Like a Circus in Town

The greatest crowd that ever attended a bank opening or any other business event in Elizabeth City attended the formal opening of the new Carolina Banking & Trust Co. in this city Wednesday, morning, afternoon and night. It is estimated more than 3,000 visitors passed thru the doors of the new bank on opening day. Actually 2,900 portions of ice cream were served to those who walked two flights of stairs to the bank's stock room to get it. Only by the portions of ice cream served could the numbers be estimated. There was no counting them. It looked like Billy Sunday or Barnum and Bailey come to town.

The new bank has more than 300 stockholders, scores of whom never owned stock in a bank before and every stockholder seems to be a booster for the new institution, judging from the enthusiasm attending the opening Wednesday.

Visitors to the new bank were surprised at the roominess of the bank's quarters and delighted with its beautiful fixtures and furniture of Italian marble, bronze and fumed oak. Hundreds marveled at the size, strength and beauty of the big 31 ton vault. Women were especially delighted with the quarters set aside for the women patrons of the bank, including a rest room with desks and feminine stationery.

The Carolina Banking & Trust Co. starts business as a member of the Federal Reserve System with a paid in capital of a quarter million dollars.

The officers are: Dr. A. L. Pendleton, President; R. C. Abbott, vice-president; Gurney P. Hood, vice-president and cashier; George R. Little, assistant cashier.

The directors are:

R. C. Abbott, vice-president of the bank; commission merchant.

W. T. Culpepper, Culpepper Hardware Co.; Manager Eastern Cotton Oil Co.

I. W. Fisher, planter.

W. Ben Goodwin, Mayor of the city; secretary-treasurer Albemarle Building & Loan Association; Grand Chief Recorders, Great Council Red Men; secretary Albemarle Fair Association.

Taylor Grandy, Manager N. G. Grandy & Co.

Dr. S. W. Gregory, dentist.

Dr. W. T. Griggs, Poplar Branch, N. C., physician and surgeon.

Gurney P. Hood, vice-president and cashier of the bank; State Council Treasurer, Jr. Order U. A. M.

F. G. Jacobs, proprietor Albemarle Pharmacy.

W. H. Jennette, planter; partner, Jennette Brothers Co.

J. P. Kramer, architect; president Albemarle Building & Loan Association.

W. K. Leary, Old Trap, N. C., planter; W. K. Leary & Son; Leary-Burgess Co.; president Eastern Carolina Transportation Co.

G. G. Markham, real estate; manager Gordon Pea & Bean Harvester Co.

D. R. Morgan, D. R. Morgan & Co., wholesale grocers.

C. B. Morrisette, The Apothecary.

Here's a Little Rosebud For You



ELIZABETH CITY, famous for its beautiful women, is likewise blessed with beautiful children. This interesting specimen is baby Elizabeth Spence, the four-year-old daughter of Trial Justice and Mrs. Geo. J. Spence, West Main Street, this city. The engraving is from an excellent photo by W. H. Zoeller.

Shop, retail drugs.

W. C. Morse, Weeksville, N. C. planter; treasurer Farmers' Mercantile & Supply Co.

S. B. Parsons, G. W. Parsons & Son, brokers and distributors.

Dr. A. L. Pendleton, president of the bank; The Standard Pharmacy, retail drugs; Standard Drug Co., wholesale drugs.

Brad Sanders, president Elizabeth City Iron Works & Supply Co.

Dr. W. W. Sawyer, physician; specialist, eye, ear, nose and throat.

S. G. Scott, Brock & Scott Produce Co.

W. P. Skinner, manager Tidewater-Buck Co., manager Pallas's Marine Railway.

E. M. Stevens, Stevens Jobbing Co., wholesale notions.

M. N. Toxey, Old Trap, N. C. planter, manager Old Trap Ginning Co.

W. H. Weatherly, W. H. Weatherly & Co., wholesale groceries.

MILES ALWAYS SAYS IT

Noting the crowds thronging the entrance to the Carolina Banking & Trust Co. at its opening yesterday, Miles Jennings observed: "A fellow would think there was a run on the bank if he hadn't seen its Opening advertised in THE INDEPENDENT."

Many people say that Saunders' editorials alone are worth more than a price of a year's subscription to this newspaper.

THE BEST PAPER HE GETS

* Letters like the following are not unusual. The editor of THE INDEPENDENT receives greetings

* like this every few days from men and women of every walk of life

* and every shade of opinion.

* Editor, Independent:

* Inclosed you will find my check for \$5.00. Place same to my credit.

* I just can't do without THE INDEPENDENT. It is the best paper I get.

* Yours truly,

* M. B. WILKINSON.

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HOGS ATTACK TWO MEN HUNTING IN PASTURE

Killed Their Rabbit Hound and Cady and Pritchard Escaped With Their Lives

Chased by hogs on the farm of K. R. Winslow, near this city, Vernon Cady and Tommie Pritchard, two well known white men are sure they would have been killed if the hogs hadn't got their Beagle hound first. The hogs killed the hound and Messrs. Cady and Pritchard fought off the pack until they could reach safety on the other side of a fence. The young men were rabbit hunting and didn't know what little use a segregated herd of swine have for a rabbit hound until they got into Mr. Winslow's hog pasture.

NEW STEAMBOAT LINE FROM HERE TO NORFOLK

Norfolk-Carolina Line, Inc. Charters the Annie L. Van Seiver

A new tri-weekly steamboat service between Elizabeth City and Norfolk, Va. was inaugurated yesterday with the first sailing of the steamer Annie L. Van Seiver, recently chartered by the Norfolk-Carolina Line, Inc. The incorporators of the new line are W. W. Newbern, I. W. Fisher and C. H. Brock.

The Van Seiver will leave Elizabeth City Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Norfolk, leaving here at 3 o'clock p. m. and arriving at Norfolk before 6 a. m. the following day. The boat routes via the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal, stopping at Old Trap, New Berns Landing, Jarvisburg, Barnett Creek, Coinjock and Long Point.

The Norfolk-Carolina Line, Inc., has chartered the Van Seiver from the North River Line. The latter line has a surplus of boats for several months in each year between potato movements and the charter is especially advantageous for the North River Line at this time.

The Norfolk-Carolina line will have its offices and wharf on Water St., opposite the Elizabeth City Iron Works.

TO SAVE A TRIP

Your eyes should be attended to the first thing, then while you are shopping the glasses can be made, and delivered to you before you leave for home. After long experience I find a try-on after the glasses are made a necessity. I make the examination and glasses the same day.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
Optometrist
Bradford Bldg. Elizabeth City, N. C.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TAKES NOTICE OF INDEPENDENT EDITORIAL

Will Investigate Failure of City to Acquire Sewerage and Enforce Law Requiring Sanitary Type of Privies

TO MAKE Y. M. C. A. CIVIC CENTER

Chamber of Commerce and Other Organizations May Take It Over

This newspaper learns from a reliable source that the directors of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce plan to remove the offices of the Chamber of Commerce from their present quarters in the Hinton Building to the second floor of the Y. M. C. A. Building on Main St. At the same time it is proposed to use the Y. M. C. A. building as a housing, or center for other community activities, including the offices of the County Superintendent of Public Welfare, Superintendent of Education, Farm Demonstration Agent and possibly the Merchants' Association. None of the officers or directors of the Chamber of Commerce will discuss the proposed move, but there seems to be no doubt that the move is contemplated and scheduled for an early date.

The backers of the plan figure that all of the city's civic activities may be comfortably housed in the Y. M. C. A. building and the rentals thereby derived will take care of the debts and running expenses of the Y building without further calls upon the philanthropy of the public.

The Y. M. C. A. with its two commodious floors is now used for a meeting place for the Choral Society, the Boy Scouts and a few other organizations. A game room and gymnasium is kept open for the youth of the town and a few rooms are rented to young men for lodgings.

The proposed move is in line with suggestions offered by this newspaper six months ago, which suggestions were taken under consideration by a number of the more active members of the Chamber at that time.

It is pointed out that all the benefits of the Y as a recreational center for the youth of the town may be retained without conflicting with the Chamber of Commerce. The gymnasium would be closed from the rest of the building and an entrance to the gym provided from the Martin St. side of the building thru the lavatory and shower baths to the rear of M. Leigh Sheep's store. The large space there given over to the lavatory and shower baths would be converted into a comfort station for the public, the expense of the comfort station to be met with a boot black stand and nickel-in-the-slot conveniences.

Unsatisfactory elevator service in the Hinton Building is said to be one of the great determining factors in the proposed move.

CHOWAN COUNTY FAIR TO HAVE FINE SHOWS

Zeidman and Polle Exposition Contracted for Fair at Edenton

The Zeidman and Polle Exposition, one of the largest and most complete organizations to make the Fair circuit of the South, has been engaged to furnish the amusement features at this year's Chowan County Fair. F. W. Hobbs, secretary of the Chowan Fair Association, says the shows are composed of twenty-five cars, with twenty first-class shows and five riding devices, two concert bands and over 300 people.

Among the many features is the Society Horse Show. The Zeidman and Polle wild animal circus with performing lions and bears is also one of the finest shows ever presented at the local fairs. Among the many mechanical shows is the Honeymoon Trail, showing entirely new in amusement devices and the most sensational of riding devices the Scaplane. Then there is the Whip, the Ferris Wheel, Venetian Gondolas and one of the largest and most elaborate Merry-Go-Rounds. Performances will be given every morning, noon and night during the entire week. The admission has been reduced to 50 cents during day time and only ten cents at night.

What sort of a town would Elizabeth City be if you didn't have THE INDEPENDENT?

THE PRICE OF MEN'S CLOTHES.

"Good clothes can't be cheaper," declare the Spencer Co., high-class outfitters for men of this city. Labor and transportation costs are items that will continue to figure into all clothing, is the claim they make. At the same time the suits they are showing at \$25, \$35 and \$40 leave little to be desired in values.

ing, "UNSANITARY, UNLAWFUL TO USE."

"Any person who violates any of the aforesaid provisions of this Act, and any person who is responsible for the sanitary maintenance of a privy and who permits such privy after an official notice reading, "UNSANITARY, UNLAWFUL TO USE" has been fastened on it, to be used, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50 and imprisoned not exceeding thirty days."

The State Board of Health has taken cognizance of the editorial in this newspaper, issue of Oct. 7, directing the attention of that body to the failure of Elizabeth City to comply with the statewide sanitary privy law of 1919 or acquire an adequate sewerage disposal system.

In a long distance telephone conversation with the office of this newspaper yesterday, H. E. Miller, Engineer of the State Board of Health, said that he would be in Elizabeth City in a few days and unless the present Board of Aldermen gave positive assurance that the city would put in sewerage, the sanitary privy law would be rigidly enforced here.

Elizabeth City was given a special exemption from the operation of the sanitary privy law upon the representations of a former Board of Aldermen that the city was about to buy the existing privately owned sewerage system and extend its mains to all streets, or install a new municipal sewerage system outright. The former administration was honest in its representations, but it went out of office before its plans could be matured.

The State Board of Health has no agreement with the present Board of Aldermen and was not even informed that there had been a change of administration. The editorial in this newspaper, issue of Oct. 7, entitled "Dr. Rankin, Please Note" opened the eyes of the State Board of Health to the fact that our present Board of Aldermen has sought to solve the sewerage problem here by granting the private sewerage company the privilege of doubling rates, with no obligation upon the part of the sewerage company to extend its mains to those streets and sections of the city where there is no sewerage.

With no sewerage relief in sight, Elizabeth City continues in the dangerous and disreputable plight of having nearly 2,000 homes with odoriferous, unsightly, fly-breeding and dangerously unsanitary open or ground toilets. City auditor Mills E. Bell tells this newspaper that the number is actually about 1,600.

Under the sanitary privy law of 1919 the owners of these open toilets will be compelled to repair or remodel these toilets in compliance with sanitary specifications prescribed by the State health authorities. The cost of making over such a toilet varies from about \$5.00 up in the majority of cases, to \$25 or \$50, according to the preference of the owners. The law has not been enforced in Elizabeth City because the State Board of Health believed that Elizabeth City was about to provide sewerage for all its inhabitants. The law, of course, does not apply where there is sewerage. But Elizabeth City is not likely to acquire sewerage under its present administration. It would be more reasonable to expect a sewerage company to acquire the city.

The sanitary privy act of 1919 will be found in Chapter 71, Public Laws of 1919, under the caption "An Act to Prevent the Spread of Diseases from Insanitary Privies." Sections of the Act of particular interest to Elizabeth City property owners at this time are as follows:

"No person shall maintain or use a residence, located within three hundred yards of a public street, which is not provided with sewerage or with septic tanks approved by the North Carolina State Board of Health, or which is not provided with sewerage for all its inhabitants. The law, of course, does not apply where there is sewerage. But Elizabeth City is not likely to acquire sewerage under its present administration. It would be more reasonable to expect a sewerage company to acquire the city.

"The North Carolina State Board of Health, thru its officers and inspectors, shall fasten a license on all privies within three hundred yards of the residence of any person other than that of the owner or tenant thereof, during the last three calendar months of every year when on inspection, the said privy is approved by the officer making the inspection as constructed in a sanitary manner and to be in good repair, in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations to be prescribed by the North Carolina State Board of Health for the sanitary construction and maintenance of privies. The said license shall apply to the calendar year following its issuance, except as hereinafter provided.

"Every privy located within three hundred yards of the residence of any person other than that of the owner and tenant thereof shall be maintained in a sanitary manner and in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations to be prescribed by the North Carolina State Board of Health and posted in suitable form inside of the privy by an officer of the said Board.

"The North Carolina State Board of Health, thru its officers and inspectors, shall exercise such supervision over the sanitary construction and maintenance of privies as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this Act.

"If an officer or an inspector of the North Carolina State Board of Health shall find a privy located within three hundred yards of the residence of a person other than that of the owner or tenant thereof, which is not constructed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this Act, he shall securely fasten on the said privy a notice reading, "UNSANITARY, UNLAWFUL TO USE." and if the inspector or officer of the aforesaid Board shall find, in the course of his inspection, a privy not being maintained in a sanitary manner and in accordance with the reasonable rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Health for the maintenance of privies, he shall remove the license from the privy and securely fasten on the privy a notice read-